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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

September 27, 2016

Mr. Ron Curry  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2750

Re: June 2, 2015 Exceptional Event Demonstration Document for the University of Texas El Paso (CAMS 12) Monitoring Site

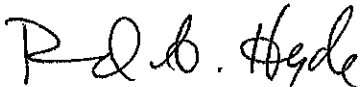
Dear Mr. Curry:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is proposing an exceptional event flag for a measurement of an exceedance of the 2015 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard collected at the El Paso monitor (CAMS 12). We have presented evidence that an exceptional event affected this measurement and that the measurement would not have exceeded the standard but for the exceptional event. This exceptional event, if not appropriately excluded from the data set used to determine regulatory compliance, could lead to a nonattainment designation for the El Paso area based on its 2015 or 2016 eight-hour ozone design values.

The TCEQ posted the Exceptional Event Demonstration document on its public website for a 30-day public review period from August 25, 2016, through September 26, 2016, as required. Copies of the public comments received are included in Appendix E of the Exceptional Event Demonstration document. The TCEQ received 14 comments during the public review period. The importance of this submittal and subsequent review is reflected in the comments submitted by the City of El Paso, El Paso County, state elected officials, business and industry trade associations, as well as individual companies.

If you need any additional information, please contact David Brymer, Director of the Air Quality Division, at (512) 239-1725.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director